

## St. Boniface Church Annual Meeting ~ Sunday, January 24, 2021 11:15 am

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- Welcome and Opening Prayer
  - Call to Order
  - Leadership Recognition
  - Senior Warden Report
  - The Election – Vestry Class of 2023
  - Rector Report
  - Closing Prayer and Adjournment
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*Other reports and information:*

### **Jr. Warden's Report – Rooney Mereness**



At St. Boniface Church, the primary function of the junior warden is to oversee the maintenance of the physical property and buildings. In a normal year, it means primarily air conditioners, roofs and keeping the outside appearance nice. However, 2020 brought new and different challenges to the St. Boniface campus. The year started fairly normally and we were able to install the new roof for the Community Center in January without incident. Then the pandemic hit, and all interfaces with vendors and contractors came to a halt.

During the year, we did replace three air conditioners: in the Healing Mission, Choir Gallery and Parish Hall. The exteriors of all buildings were power washed, many walls had dirt and mildew on them that had to be cleaned – what an improvement! In addition, we purchased three new video cameras and controlling equipment to use for video broadcasts, concerts and worship services. In the music department, the St. Boniface handbells were refurbished, as several needed handles and ringers that were not working. As part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, air purifiers were purchased for each staff office, as well as two larger purifiers for the large nave and sanctuary.

Looking to the future, we still have some large projects that have to be accomplished - finishing the roofs, solving the parking lot flooding problem, fixing the steeple leak, the parking lot re-sealing/repaving and interior rooms' sprucing up just to highlight a few of the tasks before us. We will try to complete these tasks as resources are available.

### **Treasurer's Report – Phil Baker** *2020 Financial Performance*

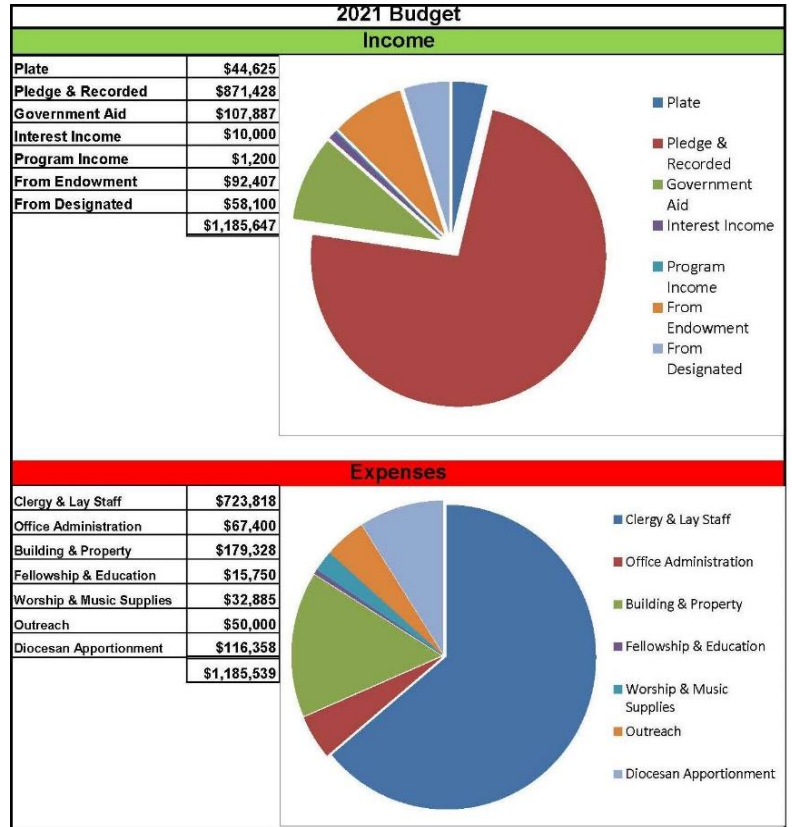
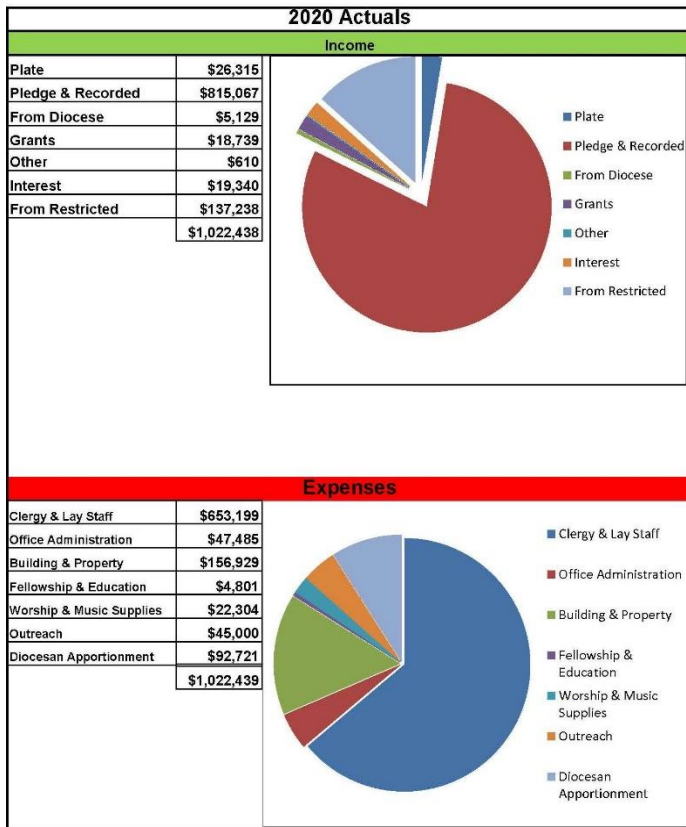


Despite enduring a deadly pandemic that has stalled economies all over the world, the parishioners of St. Boniface Church have once again proven to be wonderfully generous. For 2020, we achieved almost 95% of the anticipated total income we budgeted, for what we thought was going to be a normal year. Even though many parishioners enjoy our weekly services exclusively on social media,

they did not forget to send the church their annual pledges on a regular basis. We received almost 96% of the pledged totals.

On the expense side, our clergy and church staff trimmed expenses where they could, such that we finished the year 6% below our budgeted expenses. Even though everyone attempted to control their own spending at the church, the staff and our junior warden were diligent in their efforts to properly maintain all of our various buildings and the 5+ acres of property on the campus. I am pleased to report that there is no major deferred maintenance on the campus, and St. Boniface contributed more than \$45,000 for external outreach grants in addition to other outreach aid.

In total for 2020, we broke even by more than \$10,000 on our income statement. It is testimony to the skilled management of our church by the staff, Sr. Warden, Suzanne Gregory and the entire vestry. We are blessed.



### Investment Committee Report – Ellyn McColgan, chair



The Investment Committee oversees the management of the invested Funds of St. Boniface Church (the “Fund”). The Fund is managed by BMO Private Bank. The members of the Investment Committee are Ellyn McColgan, Chair, John Buszin, Peter Dadzis, Ronald Henderson and Jack Pendray.

The Fund began the 2020 year with \$3,163,661 and ended the year with \$3,382,591, an increase of 6.9%. The Endowment portion of the Fund began the year with \$2,109,387 and ended the year with \$2,428,509, an increase of 15.1%. The remainder of the Fund consists of Vestry-directed funds and other restricted accounts. During 2020, the Endowment provided \$70,000 for general expenses of the church, and \$8,000 for Outreach, a total of \$78,000. There were no additions to the Fund in 2020.

Overall investment performance net of fees was 18.79%. Performance met or exceeded the benchmarks for each asset class. The committee expects to be able to meet the cash needs budgeted by the Vestry for 2021.

## St. Boniface Vestry Class of 2023 Nominees

The St. Boniface Vestry is placing this slate of parishioners into nomination for the vestry class of 2023, to be elected at the Annual Meeting on January 24, 2021. These nominees have a comprehensive view of our church and the skills to lead our parish, including the various needs of our parishioners and our community, and of the governance and traditions of the Episcopal Church.



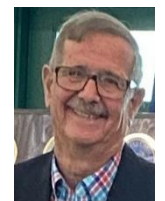
**Gene "Gino" Fellin** has been a member of St. Boniface Church since November 2019, after moving to Florida from Astoria, Oregon, where he was a member of Grace Church. Gino was received into the Episcopal Church at Grace in 2015, where he participated in many ministries, which included community dinners, the Food Bank, hospitality and Altar Guild. He served on the vestry as junior warden, the Memorial Endowment Fund as secretary, and served on the Stewardship Committee for 2 terms (4 years). As a USAF veteran, Gino has been very involved in community service and the plight of veterans who are homeless and at-risk of homelessness. He has been a Veterans Case Manager in housing the homeless as well as a case manager for a one-year addiction treatment program. Gino currently serves on the Altar Guild and the COVID-19 Task Force at St. Boniface Church, and "hopes to fully explore the multiple ministries here to find the place that I can be most effective while also enriching my spirit."



**Priscilla "Prill" Nugent** and her husband, Chris, have attended St. Boniface Church since 2009, first as occasional visitors from Chicago and now full time. Careerwise, she was a writer and manager in healthcare communications, and is now happily retired. Her heart has been in outreach ministries for many years. In Chicago, she contributed to and eventually managed the outreach efforts of their former parish. She currently serves on the Grants & Outreach Committee at St. Boniface Church, and helped manage the inaugural St. Nicholas Fair. "We love St. Boniface Church for its spirit of inclusion and support. From the rich liturgy of our services to our many ministries, each person has the opportunity to relate in deeply meaningful ways. I would be honored to serve in any way."



**Zerbe Sodervick**, raised in the Midwest, received a BFA degree from U-NE, and a MFA from Pratt, Brooklyn, NY. Deaf education and fine arts became rich and rewarding career commitments. She retired from a long tenured affiliation with The National Technical Institute for the Deaf and Rochester Institute of Technology, 2015. As an upstate NY resident: she served on two church vestries, taught and coordinated Episcopal Sunday school programs; sponsored teens groups, chaperoned 3 teen mission trips, and coordinated art and other fundraiser events. Zerbe joined St. Boniface Church after moving to Anna Maria Island, Fall 2015. Now a Sarasota resident, she currently serves as curator for the St. Boniface Arts collection, and on the Grants & Outreach committee, S.U.R.E., and the St. Nicolas Fair committee. She participates in Sunday morning Book Discussion Group, Foyers, and book club, which are a few of her virtual joys this year. Zerbe is truly pleased to serve on our vestry.



**Randy Thomas** and his wife, Charlotte, came to Sarasota and St. Boniface Church in 2017 from Columbia, SC. This has been a return to Florida, as he grew up in Pinellas County. During the 30 plus years of membership at St. Michael and All Angels in Columbia, Randy served on the Vestry (this period of service involved a rector search and addressing serious fiscal issues), was a member of the usher team, served as a Eucharistic visitor, and chairperson of the committee overseeing the child development center. Since coming to St Boniface Church, Randy has been a member of the usher team, participated in S.U.R.E., the Migration Ministry, and currently functions as the church's safety manager. "I would be honored to continue to expand my service to St. Boniface, and promoting the continuation of the solid foundation of Christian service we provide to the community."

## PARISH GROWTH IN 2020

*Relying on God's Grace, our parish met this past year of uncertainty and challenges with resiliency, creativity and generosity of spirit. And we give thanks for the many ways our parish grew – from new faces to new ministries and programs.*

### **Visitors, Guests and Members**

We welcomed 117 new faces to our parish both in-person and digitally. Some came seeking the solace of pastoral care or benevolent aid. Some were with us a short time as visitors and guests. And some, with whom we especially rejoice, expressed interest in becoming our newest members. We were blessed by them all!

### **Worship and Music**

As we followed the CDC and diocesan mandates for the safety and well-being of our worshippers, we created ways to expand our worship, adding 11 new opportunities, with weekday Morning and Evening Prayer online, and in-person Noon Wednesday Eucharist. Curbside Communion provided a creative and safe way for clergy to bring the sacrament to the people. Our enhanced Sunday morning digital worship expanded our parish community well beyond Siesta Key and Sarasota, to as far away as Canada, Spain and Norway. Not missing a beat, our music ministry morphed the season's planned concert series into a year-long offering of Wednesday evening Quarantinas. This novel approach brought us uplifting music each week, while providing a venue for musicians to share their passion.

### **Teaching and Education**

Responding to the racial unrest tearing the country apart last summer, we launched a Dialogue Circle, focused on building racial awareness and reconciliation. The Center for Spiritual Transformation moved ahead with their plans for monthly educational offerings – and thanks to Zoom, found the series as interactive and personal as planned.

### **Fellowship**

“Distanced” didn't mean not gathering in 2020! Most of our ministry groups readily switched from meeting in-person to online. And they were pleased to continue meeting with friends – whether right around the corner or across state lines or as far flung as Canada, Spain or Norway.

### **Pastoral Care and Healing**

If ever there was a year for pastoral care for ourselves and our community friends, last year was it! Through our Prayer Shawl Ministry, our renewed Prayer Circle and our newly launched Micro Communities, we wrapped those in emotional or spiritual pain in knitted prayers, checked in on one another, and lifted up parish and community friends in prayer.

### **Outreach and Service**

With so many in dire need in our community, 2020 was an active year for St. Boniface's outreach ministries. To learn more, see [Where in the World is St. Boniface?](#)

## Where in the World is St. Boniface?

*Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.*

– Matthew 25:40

It seems the year had barely begun, when our lives and those of our neighbors – whether in our community or around the world – were thrown for a wild loop. And, true to our nature, St. Boniface took up our mantle of concern, compassion and action on behalf of the least among us.

We saw **hunger** hitting especially hard with so many people out of work. Over a quarter of a ton of non-perishables over-filled our familiar yellow barrels bound for All Faiths Food Bank. When lines at our local food bank grew longer and longer, our Vestry challenged parishioners to match their \$5,000 designated for AFFB. Together, we rose to – and topped! – the challenge, ultimately giving over \$35,000 to feed the hungry in our community. And, grants and proceeds from the St. Nicholas Fair helped ensure Meals on Wheels could continue delivering nutritious meals and companionship to shut-ins. Feeling the need beyond our own borders, parishioners resoundingly agreed to release early the funds raised for an upcoming Rise Against Hunger event. The \$8,500 provided for 25,000 pre-packaged rice-based meals that made their way to the tiny nation of Timor-Leste halfway around the world. Gifts of cat food and dog food donated at our annual Blessing of the Animals ensured even our four-legged friends didn't go hungry.

Where **homelessness** hit or threatened families, we extended hope and relief through grants and St. Nicholas Fair proceeds shared with our community partners, Face of Hope, Remnant Café, Resurrection House and Streets of Paradise. These local agencies work daily with our homeless brothers and sisters, ensuring they have access to food, showers, laundry facilities, support, and services – and dignity. In supporting Family Promise, we gave families on the brink of homelessness the tools and support they needed to remain in their own homes.

COVID-19 struck families living on the margins especially harshly. From hardship to tragedy, they lost jobs, housing and loved ones. Working with local schools to identify families in need, we sent Clergy Discretionary Funds to help with rent, utilities, car repairs and payments, medical needs and groceries.

Against the backdrop of the pandemic's chaos, the sadly familiar woes we battle every year continued: **youth and seniors at risk** of falling through the cracks, **families struggling** paycheck to paycheck, insufficient **medical care coverage**, and **disaster response**. Thanks to the work of our Grants & Outreach Committee, we awarded grants to Children's Guardian Fund, Senior Friendship Centers, Take Stock in Children and UnidosNow. From wildfires to hurricanes, many across the country faced threats to life and livelihood; parishioners' gifts to Episcopal Relief & Development brought hope and support in the wake of devastation. Our aid even stretched to Central America, to the medical mission work of Our Little Roses in Honduras.

They say **charity begins at home**. St. Boniface wholeheartedly subscribes to this ideal! Supporting Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity (S.U.R.E.), along with other member congregations, we identified key social justice issues facing community and worked together toward sustainable solutions. Our annual apportionment to the diocese provided funding to the Episcopal Church in southwest Florida and to the national church. In this way we supported the work and growth of the church in Christ, and we perpetuated our love of God and care for one another.

*In a year filled with confusion, uncertainty, fear, anger, need and loss,  
St. Boniface was exactly where you'd expect to find us:  
reaching out in Christ's name with love, healing, hope and help.*





# FAITH·FILLED GENEROSITY

We give thanks for the parishioners below, whose faith-filled generosity, totaling \$756,084,  
Equipping us to carry out Christ's ministry in the world in 2021.

*Pledges received as of January 20, 2021.*

Jane & Jim Aguilard  
Vernon & Joanne Amundson  
Denise & John Ayre  
Phil Baker  
Suzanne Barksdale  
John & Pamela Beard  
John Berteau  
& Stacy Scott Berteau  
Tom Bisker  
& Rich Swastek  
Bob Bole  
Gwen & Bob Bottoms  
Carlisle & Doriel Boyce  
Mary Jane Brantley  
Vince Brennan  
& Betsie Danner  
Jean Brown  
Bob & Dor Brown  
Will Brown  
Peter & Carolyn Bruder  
John Buszin  
John Butterfield  
John & Charlotte Calhoun  
Rob & Linda Campbell  
Pattee Carrier  
Joanna Cleary  
Donna Conyers  
Sherry Cook  
John Cooper  
Mary Jane Cooper  
Catherine Cooper  
Ted & Judy Copland  
Frank & Anita Countryman  
Rita & Peter Dadzis

Page & Beverly Dame, III  
Harry & Peg Davant  
Diane Davidson  
Addison & Karen Davis  
Liz Deane  
John & Margot Dickie  
Jan Docking  
Bonnie Doell  
Mike & Mara Dougherty  
Barbara Driscoll  
Ray Droege  
Carol DuBravec  
Annie Durell  
Gary Eastlund  
Bruce Eberlin  
Margo Evans  
David Evans  
& Nancy Conrad-Evans  
Jonathan & Barbara Evans  
Herman Ezzell  
Reid Farrell, Jr  
Wayne & Trish Farrell  
Gino Fellin  
Evelyn Ferguson  
Bob & Amy Ferrell  
Br John Brendan Filkins  
& Lea Ellwood-Filkins  
Richard & Claire Fink  
Bill & Carolyn Firth  
Marjorie Floyd  
Albert Ford, II  
Brian & Barbara Ford-Coates  
Roxanne Fox  
Doug & Helen Francis

Chuck Frith  
John & Grace Gagliardi  
Syd & Joie Galloway  
Cope & Anne Garrett  
Dyson Gay  
Ann Gentry  
Bob & Kay Goodman  
David Goodrich  
Jon & Mary Gordon  
Wes & Elizabeth Gray  
Anna Green  
Bob & Suzanne Gregory  
Bob Griffiths & David Eichlin  
Carla Guarascio  
Cinny Guiles  
Jeff Hamblin, MD  
Jane Hammond  
Elisa Hansen  
Charles & Ann Hardcastle  
Liz Harper  
Don & Debbie Harvey  
Peter & Katie Hayes  
Kathie Hayes  
Cas Henderson  
Ron & Mimi Henderson  
Wilson & Penny Hendry  
Bob Hesse  
Rea & Jan Hinch  
Nancy Hinds  
Bill & Ginny Hitchcock  
Betsy Hooper  
Erskine & Mary Jo Hopkins  
Phil Hubbell  
Marv & Jan Huff

Martha Huie  
Reg Irvine & Alan Marlor  
Allen & Mary Ivey  
Anne Marie Janik  
Katherine Johnson  
Mark & Linda Johnston  
Ron Kar  
Merrill Kaegi  
Chip Kaufman, Jr  
Barbara Kelleher  
Chuck Kelley  
Lynn Kerber  
Mike Kozubek  
& Mary Swanton  
Frankie & Tom Krueger  
Herb & Meg Larrabee  
Marion Larsen  
Ruth LeBoutillier  
Charles & Lorraine Livingston  
D'Arlene Llewellyn  
Linda & David Loveman  
Fred & Denise Mann  
Carol Marcus-Epperley  
Marita Marsh  
Joe Master  
Ernie Matijasic  
Rae Jean McCall  
Ellyn McColgan  
Ralph McGimpsey  
Jamie & Meg McLane  
Ken & JoAnn McManus  
Connie McManus  
Rooney & Connie Mereness  
Mark & Jesse Merrill  
Fred & Molly Moffat  
Anne Moffitt  
Carolyn Montgomery  
Pamela Moore  
Annie Moore  
Craig & Diane Moran  
Ralph Morey  
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Jesse Munoz, Jr  
Tony & Ann Munson  
Paul & Mary Neuhauser  
Paul & Donna Nicholson

Caroline Notestine  
Chris & Prill Nugent  
Catherine Oglesby  
Anne Overbeck  
Judy Papalia  
Steve & Jeanie Parker  
Bevie Parker  
Doug & Jenifer Parker  
Michael Pate  
Muriel Patram  
Larry Patton  
Lisa Paxson  
Jack & Linda Pendray  
Charlie Pettengill  
Bev Peyser  
Audrey Pinney  
Michael Piovane  
& Rita Valenti-Piovane  
Jesse Poston & Bill Couch  
Joel Pye  
Robert Reeves  
& Stevan Diklich  
Steve & Alice Reid  
Glen Ridgeway  
Grace Riker  
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Allan & Tina Tyler  
Gisela Vaughan  
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Paul & Cyndee White  
Peg Wickham  
Bunny Willett  
Darrell & Diane Williams  
Ron Williams  
Tony Winer  
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Lisa & Tom Wolf  
Bill Wood  
Bob Woody  
Cecile Wooster  
Lynn Wright  
John & Susan Zwakman

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your name to this list!  
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## BONIFACE CORNERSTONE SOCIETY

*The Boniface Cornerstone Society honors parishioners who have created legacies, through their wills or other planned gift, that establish the cornerstones of a vibrant and vital parish nurturing future generations.*

*Anonymous (20)*

Denise and John Ayre  
Jean H. and Joseph E. Brown  
Patricia Chapman  
Judy and Ted Copland  
Betsie M. Danner  
Bonnie Smith Doell  
Bruce N. Eberlin and Chuck F. Kelley  
The Rev. Reid D. Farrell, Jr  
and Dale Willard  
The Rev. Wayne and Patricia Farrell  
Charles and Evelyn Ferguson  
Chuck Frith  
A. Cope Garrett  
David Goodrich  
Henry R. Griffiths and David Eichlin  
Liz Harper  
Peter and Katie Hayes  
Kathleen Z. Hayes  
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Robert Hesse

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and Alan J. Marlor  
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and John H. Long-McCullough  
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and Leslie Slater McLean  
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Rosemarie Wheeler  
Margaret and Frank Wickham  
Sandra Wilbur  
Earl and Carol Wise

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